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Application of :  
Kenji KATO et al. :  
Serial No. 09/582,903 : Group Art Unit - 2653  
Filed: August 11, 2000 : Examiner: Tan X. Dinh  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :  
AND METHOD FOR MANUFAC- :  
TURING THE SAME : Docket No. S004-4034 (PCT)

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**RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 31, 2006, applicants amend their application as follows:

**ELECTION OF INVENTION:**

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group A, drawn to a near-field optical head in general for recording or reproducing information data from an optical storage medium, and submit that claims 1-10, 11-14, 101, 103 and 104 are readable on the elected invention.

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